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ST. ROBERT MAN INDICTED FOR MARIJUANA, ILLEGAL FIREARMS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a St. Robert, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for growing marijuana and illegally possessing firearms.

Hans Karl Frye, 48, of St. Robert, Mo., was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Frye** was cultivating 236 marijuana plants between May 16 and Nov. 4, 2005, in Pulaski County, Mo., and Texas County, Mo.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Frye** was in possession with intent to distribute marijuana on Nov. 4, 2005, in Pulaski County.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Frye**, being an unlawful user of marijuana, was in possession of a Remington .30-06 rifle, a New England Firearms .223 rifle, a .30-06 rifle imported by Interarms, a Remington 12-gauge shotgun, a Wingmaster rifle and a Harrington and Richardson 10-gauge shotgun and ammunition on Aug. 17, 2005, in Pulaski County. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is an unlawful user of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. It was investigated by the U.S. Forest Service, the Lake Area Narcotics Enforcement Group, and the Pulaski County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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